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Steel Bridge Found

County Clerk Warner White, sheriff Hurt, Dr. Brock, the eye specialist and Dr. Northcutt, the unfailing veterinarian went fishing Thursday last week, equipped with legitimate tackle and bait and traveling in Frank Arrington Motor Boat.

The party were pursuing their way up the Chariton in the neighborhood of Eckles-Perkinsville in search of the best point to stop and employ the bait when a drift hog in sight coming out of the new ditch in the neighborhood. The fishermen sent launch around a point to avoid the drift and as it passed rapidly White noticed that something stuck up above the drift which had the appearance of a floating bridge. Hurt scanned the drift with his binoculars and expressed the opinion that it was not only a bridge but an iron or steel structure. Dr. Brock confirmed the opinions but Dr. Northcutt, intent on a 20 pound buffalo-perch-cat, leather-carp or plain fish of any kind combatted the idea that anything iron, steel or other metal could float along as that object was proceeding. He was overruled and the party set out in the launch after the drift and bridge. It was a bridge alright, 60 ft. and nearly new and a bigger catch than could have been taken on any hook and line. Around bends, thru ditches, under overhanging trees in whirlpools, eddies and rapids the bridge in the center of the big drift was followed. Finally a rope was made fast to it and Hurt hopped to the bank and made the other end of the rope fast to a big sapling. When the bridge came along the tree was uprooted and snatched into the river. The bridge was followed until the site of the bridge across the ditch between this city and Salisbury was reached. There a cable was found, filched and fastened to the floating bridge. Northcutt and Hurt got from the floater to the bank and in the main Chariton below the mouth of the ditch anchored the big bridge to a tree with the stout cable. They had hardly got off the bridge and to the bank when it began to act like a porpoise, flopping over, rolling and pitching and bucking, the result of changed conditions of the drift under it. Had Hurt and Northcutt been on the bridge when it bucked, grab hooks, dynamite and divers would now be busy.

Any one having a good bridge lost, strayed or previously swiped can identify this one, pay for the long, arduous labor and loss of fish and exemplary stipend for advertising the flatsman after securing it and more particularly the fee for this double-barrelled article.

A big, new elevator is under construction at Brunswick.

Rev. R. T. Mathews preached his farewell sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening having resigned from the pastorate some time ago. Rev. Mathews made a number of friends while among us by his earnest preaching and hustling business disposition. His family was most highly esteemed, the literary and musical accomplishments of Mrs. Mathews and the children being greatly appreciated and in demand for functions.

At their new home on a farm near K City they will undoubtedly enjoy life more than when they were subject to change of location at frequent periods and that the industriousness of all will result in better returns we confidently predict. We wish them the greatest success and the best of health.

MAY BE FATAL ACCIDENT

John G. Moore Thrown from Car Unconscious Six Days Little Hope

Saturday night John G. Moore son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. J. Moore of this city one of the best known young men of the community was thrown from a motor car at the railroad crossing west of Bentley school house southwest of Salisbury and sustained injuries to the back of his skull which rendered him unconscious in which state he has remained to the time of going to press. Surgeons who examined the injuries give little or no hope for his recovery and meningitis having set up, the chances of the young man appear greatly lessened.

John Moore was in Salisbury and desiring to get home before one of the night trains, phoned to Dr. Northcutt to come for him. Dr. Northcutt started and having car trouble, was finally stopped just west of the railroad crossing to make needed adjustments. Northcutt not arriving, Moore got in a car coming to this city with Eunis Guilford at the wheel. Bill Fox and Geo. Conrad soldier boys and Younger Webb, expecting to find Northcutt somewhere on the road.

The Guilford car was traveling at such high rate of speed when Dr. Northcutt noticed it approaching the railroad crossing that he abandoned his car which was on the wrong side of the road, and ran to the fence. The Guilford car jumped the railroad and John Moore was thrown partly out but caught by the legs by Bill Fox. Swerving to miss the Northcutt car which was only a few yards distant, the Guilford car careened enough to break the hold Fox had on Moore and the young man was thrown violently to the ground. Dr. Northcutt did not know Moore had been thrown out until he heard a shout from the other car when he saw what he thought to be a bundle in the road twenty or thirty feet west of his car.

He went to the object and found it was John Moore and that he was seriously injured. The boys in the car came back and doctor went to a phone and summoned a surgeon, not being able to arouse the night man at central here.

First aid was administered. Moore brot to his home about 2.30 a. m. and tho the highest skill and the best of care has been given the unfortunate man, his condition is such as to warrant the gravest fears for his life.

Wheat is heading and in three weeks will be ready to harvest. Rye is further advanced.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bayne Cock and daughter of San Benito, Tex. came Monday for a visit to relatives. John Bayne will return tomorrow and Mrs. Cock and daughter will remain for some time with her mother, Mrs. Laura Taylor.

Lieut. John C. Miller and Mrs. Miller came Monday for a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Miller. Lieut. Miller has recently returned from the front in France and of course, is very glad to be home again. He is trained down to the last degree and looking perfectly fit. While landing in this country several days since, he was detained at camp to conduct the discharge of a number of soldiers. He will rest and recuperate for several days and then return to his position as engineer for the railroad company for which he did engineering work before enlistment.

Jordan Bentley

One of the most highly respected and influential old settlers of the county, Jordan Bentley, died at his home near Forest Green May 2. Since the age of 6 when his parents moved to the neighborhood where he lived all his life, he has numbered among his friends all who knew him either socially or in business affairs and his influence for good and progressiveness cannot be over highly estimated.

Jordan Bentley was born in Madison county Kentucky Mar. 9, 1826. He was married to Miss Susan M. Frisco Nov. 12, 1846, and the union was blessed with eight children, S. J. and Mrs. Lillie LaMotte of Armstrong, Thomas of Salisbury, Mrs. Lloyd Herring of Forrest Green, Wm. F. who resides on the homestead and James, Mrs. Betty Herndon and Mrs. Lida Garvin deceased.

Rev. Pearson conducted funeral services at Forrest Green Sunday May 4 in the presence of a great number of friends of the pioneer and most useful man during his active years.

Jordan Bentley was one of the type of gentleman of the old school. Clean in all things and courteous to every one at all times, liberal and most hospitable, just and honorable, it could only be that he would stand among those of the country at the apex of all lifes' affairs. It was late in life that he united with the Baptist church, but from all his characteristics he was a christian gentleman from boyhood. Most deeply do we deplore the putting out of such guiding lights.

Alleged House-Burner

John Kitchen who lives east of Salisbury was arrested Friday by Sheriff Hurt on a warrant which charges that he burned a dwelling house which belonged to Wm Stoner and which was across the road from where John lived. He was released on a bond for \$1000.

Misses Edna Allega, Louise Dotson and Gertrude Harms, chaperoned by Miss Annie Young left today for a trip to St. Louis. Misses Harms and Allega will visit Mrs. Huck Richardson, sister of Miss Allega, at Chaffee before their return home some time during the summer.

Corp. Harry Sullivan of the regular army came on a short leave for a visit to his sister Mrs. Kasey Jones. Corp. Sullivan is in the heavy artillery and was in the heavy fighting in France and was wounded three times. Twenty seven pieces of shrapnel were taken from his right leg and the wounds give him trouble yet. He has one chunk about the size of a pullet egg which came near taking his leg off. Like all other soldiers, he does not care to go back to Europe to mix it again with any other army.

Dred Finnell understands the inards and disposition of practically all cars but prides himself on knowing all about a tin lizzy or fliver at sight. Handling them he is what Frank Grace stood for among broncos. But, Sunday afternoon Dred thot to move the lizzy trained and, as Dred verily believes now completely spoiled as to disposition, by Jay Cuddy. The car had sat undisturbed at the west side of Price Park for some time, unkempt and savage looking. Dred adjusted levers and brakes and seized the crank. One pop and the big bone in his right arm was snapped and the one lamp critter moved not but Dred did. A sling for him for some weeks.

FLOODS SUBSIDING

Millions Dollars Wheat Ruined Grand River Victims Many Chariton Rampages

Tho not so high as in 1909, the water from the overflowed rivers flowing into the Missouri have done incalculable damage to crops especially wheat and many of the smaller streams have overflowed bottom lands and contributed a quota to the heavy destruction. Much of the bottom land which was heavily dyked has escaped and the wheat is safe and fine, but the Grand river and Chariton bottoms have suffered entire loss of crop in most of the sections.

Had the Missouri river been any where near bank full when the rises came in the Grand and Chariton rivers, the destruction cannot now be conceived. Both the Grand and Chariton rivers are falling and the danger appears past unless heavy rains north before the streams have discharged the most of what they still have on hand.

Salisbury

Sheriff Hurt was over Saturday looking after business matters.

Judge Rucker spent a part of Friday and Saturday here with friends.

Thos. Gunn, soldier, son of Mose Gunn is now at home, having arrived from overseas Monday.

There was a great crowd at the Tab. Sunday night and Dr. Civer gave it to 'em straight.

A. W. Johnson has just been commissioned notary public for the 10th time. Who can beat it?

Winkelmeyer Bros. sold their residence property in Broadway addition to Mrs. Mary Peek, Monday for \$825.

E. J. Kaiser, engineer on the main line had one hand badly scalded, on day last week and was treated at the hospital in Moberly.

Arliss Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Horton aged 7 or 8 years, died Monday night, of some occult disease that was hard to diagnose. She was a lovely child and her early death is greatly deplored.

John Kitchen, a farmer east of town, was arrested Friday, on a warrant sworn out before Justice Trammell, by Will Stoner charging arson. He gave bond for preliminary hearing on Wednesday. The arrest was a big surprise here, but we withhold comment.

The remainder of items will appear next week owing to space

Mrs. Reub Hunker and daughter Baby Sue visited Mrs. Mollie Wheeler Wednesday and yesterday, the trip more intended to see their soldier brother and uncle, Shannon Wayland.

The old livery barn west of the Farmers Bank is being wrecked and already there is a decided improvement in the appearance of that locality. Glory Be, when the street is also in shape for improvement.

Grover and Isaac Kelso were present at the obsequies of their father S. S. Kelso last week and spent a few days in town in connection with probate matters. They left Friday, Grover for his home in Hardin and Isaac for Oklahoma City. The young men had not been here for any length of time for several years and had nearly grown out of the memory of many of their old acquaintances.

Navy Exhibition

The Navy department has arranged for an exhibition of submarines, submarine chasers and destroyers and other water-war craft thruout the Mississippi valley for the benefit of all who wish to see such war equipments, for the various vessels will be equipped as for a fight and the subs will do diving acts, all will be illuminated during exhibitions at nights and explanation by officers made to sight-seers.

The flotilla is at New Orleans and making preparation to start on the trip this month. All tributaries of the Mississippi will be navigated and advertisement will be made by men on motor-cycles in addition to a destroyer which will precede the flotilla. A big band, baseball team, projecting machine for showing navy engagements and flight by the flying boats.

If the flotilla can get thru the mouth of Grand River at Brunswick, that will be the most desirable point in the county from which to witness the great display but if the water is too shallow to allow the deep draught boats to enter, the exhibition may be given at the mouth of Grand. In any case, Glasgow and Frankfort and DeWitt will be available for seeing the great display.

Jack Brewer of near Aholt, Mo., is seriously sick.

Mrs. S. K. Ziemer died in Arizona yesterday. Remains will be forwarded to Keytesville for burial.

Miss Virginia Allega was a guest of Elizabeth Edwards Monday and attended the class play that night.

Mrs. L. L. Gordon and daughter, Fanny May, visited at the home of Mrs. B. C. Fowler in Salisbury, the latter part of last week.

Ed Pearsen has about got over the effects of the blowing up along with a stump some time ago. His eyes will suffer no material damage from the blast but stumpy land will suffer all ways with stumps if Ed has to do the blowing of them.

Hon. W. W. Rucker left Wednesday afternoon for Washington to be on hand for the reconvening of congress on the 19th. The judge never looked nor felt better. He had nothing to communicate in reference to the probable course of congress, Republicans outnumbering making it very uncertain.

Judge E. B. Welch was in town Wednesday. The judge is feeling quite well and active tho 81 in April. May 8 Judge and Mrs. Welch celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and a host of friends and a big dinner were present. He says it appears that there will be considerable more straw this year than wheat. The judge is considerably disappointed with the acts of the legislature and is decidedly in for the ending of the war in all its phases and getting down to business here at home.

The Boys Club Minstrel show was a complete success and the most important feature to the boys, that is, getting enough out of it to further equip themselves, was fully realized. Many of the blackfaces distinguished themselves, in fact all of them did well, but a few showed decided minstrel talent. A few little mishaps like smashing an instrument in a fall resulting from a mix up extraordinary, toppling scenery over and wrestling with chairs which were not on the bills only lent interest to the performance. Come again boys; a large crowd will be out.

GERMANY OBJECTS

Will File Compromise Proposition Italy Backing Away Again Trouble Ahead

Germany does not like the peace terms offered by allies and will ask modification. Italy is again dissatisfied tho inclined to wave Fiume. Peace terms may be gone over and revised again.

Farm Bureau Notes

By Sam Jordan

The Annual Bureau Meeting It was thot best to postpone the meeting until June 13-14th on account of our delay in corn planting.

We really think the most important event of the meeting will be the demonstration in building the magnum terrace.

We now expect to do this from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock on Saturday June 14.

This demonstration will be in good season for doing the work on farms as it is best done on stubble land as that no crops may be injured in doing the work.

On pastures and meadow it is best done later after crops are removed and when the grass is short.

We will have homemade apparatus on the ground that those present may see how the tools may be made for the work.

Watch for the days program. It will be worth while. Prepare to attend.

Beekeepers meeting at Mendon first Saturday afternoon in June. Rained us out last time. The date will be June 7th, at 1:30 p. m.

Remainder crowded out.

The Senior Class play was great. Unusual talent and beauty of performers, conception of various parts and thorough accord of the big audience assured the success it scored.

Blair Miller left Monday for New Orleans to attend the Presbyterian synod. He will be gone about ten days and visit his sister Mrs. Anna Blanton at Nashville on his way home.

Chas. Sasse of Bowling Green will harvest his wheat crop with his Moline Universal tractor. A demonstration of how it will snake a binder along to the tune of 30 acres a day will be made at his farm. He will begin cultivating his corn crop with the tractor in a few days.

Delbert Chrane of Mussel Fork was arrested the first of the week for circulating in a car without a license tag, constable Sam Coy being on the lookout for such offenders. Sam also has his eye peeled for cut out and dark lantern car drivers. Better cut out the cut-out and light the glim front and back if wish Sam to see you unofficially.

Mrs. Blair Miller had a narrow escape from serious burning by nitric acid. She had a small bottle on a shelf. Reaching for it to apply a drop to a wart, the bottle overturned and the acid splashed about, only a tiny drop or two striking her hand and arm, the entire contents barely missing her face.

Thru the real estate dealer, Chas. Parks, A. S. Michael of Johnson county bot the Bradshaw 120 adjoining this city and the 160 of Roy Rucker adjoining that splendid place on the east, paying \$47200 for the 280. The Bradshaw 120 was sold at \$187.50 and Geo. Dean got \$1000 for the present crop out on the farm.